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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Attn: Mr. Victor Janosik  
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Gentlemen:

The Naval Air Development Center has had several unknown types of wastes deposited in unlined landfill trenches at various times and locations on Center property from 1940 until 1980. The Center does not currently operate any landfill disposal sites nor dispose of any wastes on site.

In response to local public concerns, the Center conducted an extensive document search to identify all past disposal on Center property. An independent consultant (JRE Associates, McLean, Virginia) was retained to evaluate the former landfill sites to determine if they were significantly degrading local drinking water quality. The scope of the study included review of water quality surrounding the Center in order to establish an area baseline. A copy of the Final Summary Report was provided to your office as a courtesy and not in response to a specific request. The conclusion of this report was that the former landfill sites are not, at this time, contributing significantly to the contamination of groundwater quality surrounding the Center. It also recommended that another round of testing be conducted.

The questions/concerns raised in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PA DER) letter dated 19 May 1983 are shared and understood. However, the JRE study was not conducted to address these concerns specifically and to make observations concerning them is not appropriate. The Center is willing to work with PA DER to address these concerns. Mr. Tom Ames (Telephone 215-441-2972) is available to discuss these items and pursue their investigation. In the meantime the following steps are being taken:

- a. A complete copy of the Final Report dated 17 March 1983 along with a copy of all analytical data is being forwarded under separate copy.
- b. Complete removal of the drums near sites 5, 6 and 7 will occur on or before 15 June 1983.

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c. A second set of samples is currently being collected. A report on the second round of testing should be completed by 12 August 1983. The consultant performing the work is Walter Satherthwaite and Associates, West Chester, Pennsylvania. The laboratory doing the analysis is Weston Laboratories, West Chester, Pennsylvania. A copy of your letter will be provided to both JRB Associates, Incorporated and Walter B. Satherthwaite and Associates.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commander

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